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In re Patent Application of)	Attorney Docket No.: SUGI0166
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Tadahiro OHMI et al.)	Confirmation No.: 9535
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Serial No.: 10/597,343)	Group Art Unit: 3753
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Filed: July 20, 2006)	Examiner: William M. McCalister
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For: METHOD FOR WATER)	Date: October 26, 2010
HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID)	
PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR)	
SUPPLYING CHEMICAL)	
SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR)	
WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING)	
FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS)	
USED)	

COMMENTS (H) ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 26, 2010, please enter the following comments regarding the application identified above as follows:

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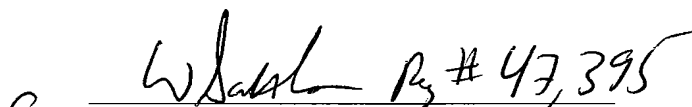
REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 26, 2010, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of July 26, 2010, at 3, lines 8-12. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance deviates from the language of the allowed claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1-3, 10-12, 18, 20-23 and 25, Applicants object. The claims, as written, speak for themselves. Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

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